

Steps To Christ

Study Guides

Chapter 8

Growing Up Into Christ

Lesson Preparation

1. Memorize Ephesians 2:8-9, NJKV.

“⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, lest anyone should boast.”

2. Read *Steps to Christ*, Chapter 8.
3. Put in your own words, or write the passage in Chapter 8, that best describes the theme of the chapter.

4. List several key points as you read the chapter.

Scriptures (NKJV)**1. What two elements are necessary for the plan of salvation?**

Ephesians 2:8, 9. “⁸ For by [] you have been saved through [], and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

2. What should we do if we love Jesus?

John 14:15. “If you love Me, keep my [].”

3. What is the purpose for the law of God?

Romans 3:20. “Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be [] in His sight, for by the law *is* the [] of [].”

4. What did the Apostle John desire?

1 John 2:1. “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may [] []. And if anyone sins, we have an [] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.”

5. What steps did Jesus take in order to save us?

Philippians 2:5-8. “⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of [], did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a [], *and* coming in the likeness of []. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He [] [] and became obedient to the point of [], even the death of the [].”

6. What is the response of salvation?

Romans 10:9. “that if you [redacted] with your mouth the Lord Jesus and [redacted] in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

7. What does Christ’s righteousness provide?

Romans 3:24-26. “²⁴ being [redacted] freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

8. What is the source of our obedience?

Romans 6:17. “But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted], that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.”

9. How does one purify the soul?

1 Peter 1:22. “Since you have purified your souls in [redacted] the [redacted] through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,”

10. Through whom are we reconciled to God?

2 Corinthians 5:18, 19. “¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through [redacted] [redacted], and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that [redacted]

_____ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”

11. What did Christ become for us?

2 Corinthians 5:21. “For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* _____ for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

12. How has God saved us?

Titus 3:5. “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the _____, of _____ and _____ of the _____.”

13. To whom is the Holy Spirit given?

Romans 5:1-2. “Acts 5:32. “And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who _____ Him.”

14. How does God value obedience?

1 Samuel 15:22. “So Samuel said: ‘Has the LORD as *great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in _____ the voice of the LORD? Behold, to _____ is _____ than sacrifice, *And* to _____ than the fat of rams.’”

Study Questions

1. What is the source of spiritual life in the hearts of people? (Paragraph 2).

2. What must happen in order for you to partake of this spiritual life? (2).

3. What are we not able to secure by anxiety or effort of ourselves? (3).

4. What wrong idea do some people have, and what do they do regarding it? (7).

5. How are we to grow in grace? (7).

6. How are we to abide in Christ? (8).

7. What happens when a person partakes of Christ's pardoning grace? (7).

8. What should we do on a daily basis to abide in Him? (9).

9. What five changes does love make in the heart renewed by divine grace? (8).

10. What should our mind dwell upon? (10).

11. What happens when the mind dwells upon self? (12).

12. What is Satan's constant effort? (12).

13. To what does Satan seek to divert the mind? (12).

14. What often happens to the conscientious? (12).

15. What things did John see that filled his soul with admiration and love for Christ? (15)..

16. What things did John see that filled his soul with admiration and love for Christ? (15).

17. What did John lose in love for Christ? (15).

18. What power transforms our character? (15).

19. What happens when Christ abides in the heart? (15).

20. How does Christ abide continually in the hearts of His children, and what are the results? (17, 19).

Thought Questions

1. How can I keep my eyes on Jesus, and yet examine my life and recognize my sins?

2. Every day I am confronted with sin—News, TV, internet. It's everywhere. How can I get away from the temptations?

3. How long does it take to learn to abide in Christ?

4. How can I handle the uncomfortable feelings that Christ's presence seems to bring?

5. Why is it the harder I try, the worse it gets?

6. Why is it that some people are so heavenly minded that they are no earthly good?

7. Does this mean that I can't make any plans by myself?

8. Will the new me be able to handle all the new things that result from the changes?

9. What if people don't like the new person I'm becoming?

10. How can I know if my change is really correct, not too little or much? I don't want to become a fanatic.

11. How do I find out what the real problem is, and not just try to change the symptoms?

12. What does it mean when I see the same patterns in my life over and over?

13. Why does change always take so long?

14. Why is change always so difficult?

15. Someone said, "just do it." But I can't. Am I lost?

16. Are 30-day plans what I need?

20. [Add your questions].

Problem Solving

The following person has a high degree of physical activity, and loves to take the roll of leader. She has been very successful at most everything, because of her drive and persistence. She usually accomplishes her goals, by having everyone else conform to her plans. She is struggling unsuccessfully with a particular sin, and has a tendency to get angry and take it out on others. If others try to help, their help is quickly rejected. She has a hard time admitting that she needs outside help. She feels that if circumstances would only change, she could accomplish the task, and this causes her to be critical and fault-finding. Her approach to character growth has been "just do it." How would you help this self-achiever find the proper way to have victory?

Notes: (You might work with the following information: causes, options, solutions, decisions, scriptures that apply).



QUIZ – 8

Select True or False according to the reference:

1. T F We are transformed by the renewing of our minds. (Romans 12:2).
2. T F It is by loving Jesus, by copying Him, depending wholly upon Him that we are transformed into His likeness. (SC 8.10).
3. T F Abiding in Christ is a daily matter. (SC 8.9).
4. T F A person must be born again to partake of Christ's life. (SC 8.2).
5. T F We are changed into God's image by beholding. (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Use one or more words to answer the following:

6. List one thing Satan tries to divert our mind to. (SC 8.12).

7. What are you unable to secure by anxiety or effort of yourself? (SC 8.3).

8. List one thing that John saw in the life of Jesus that filled his soul with admiration and love. (SC 8.15).

9. What wrought a transformation of character in the Apostle John? (SC 8.15).

10. What does God promise to give to us when we are born again? (Ezekiel 36:26, 27).

Select the option button of the best answer according to the text.

11. When did the Apostle Paul feel he was the strongest? (2 Corinthians 12:9, 10).

- When walking to Athens
- After performing a miracle
- After preaching a sermon on God's love
- When he was weak

12. How are we to abide in Christ? (SC 8.8).

- By staying away from temptation
- By beholding the good example of others
- By good works
- By faith

13. What did the Apostle John lose sight of when his heart of was drawn out toward Christ? (SC 8.15).

- Nature
- Self
- Others
- Sin

14. By what means is Christ to abide continually in the hearts of His children? (SC 8.17).

- Through knowledge from the Scriptures
- By the Holy Spirit
- Through the habit of prayer
- By help from the angels

15. Complete the following passage:

“It is by _____ with Him, _____, _____,—by _____ in Him,—that we are to grow in grace.” (SC 8.7).